

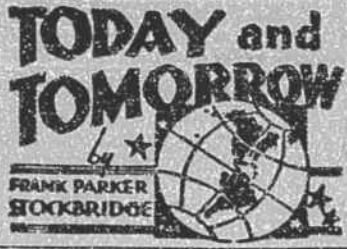
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TODAY and TOMORROW

STORM helpfulness.
The equinoctial storm that swept over the most thickly-settled part of the nation not only cost hundreds of lives and destroyed hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property, but it brought sharply home the realization of the dependence of modern life upon electricity.

By tearing down poles and wires the storm plunged whole cities into darkness and sent residents back to the kerosene lamps and candles of pioneer days. Without telephone or telegraph lines it took days for folk to find out what had happened to friends and relatives in the storm-swept areas.

Radio towers were blown down and their power-plants flooded, so even wireless communication was cut off. Homes which escaped the storm's effects found that they could get no radio news from the rest of the world because their current had failed. With electric power gone, those who depended on it to operate oil-burning heating plants, electric ranges or refrigerators, were in a sorry plight.

It takes a catastrophe to make us realize what an important part modern improvements play in our daily lives.

POWER emergency

One way in which people depending upon electric power can protect themselves against accident to the power lines is, of course, to have an independent domestic power plant, either for regular or emergency use. Except for a large farm or an extensive country estate, however, the independent power plant is too expensive to be practical.

Almost every family, however, has an electric plant in its garage, which can easily be used to meet most emergency demands. The engine of an automobile will supply power, at least until the gasoline runs out, and its electric generator which furnishes current for the headlights could equally be made to supply emergency house lighting and to operate the radio.

It would be a comparatively simple thing to fix up a device by which the motor-car could operate the oil-burner of the furnace and the electric refrigerator.

I think there is an idea for automobile makers to consider. In the country districts a car which would do a lot of work around the house when not in use on the road ought to find a large market.

FUTURE war

Not for many years has it been so difficult to peer into the future and feel confident about what is in store for the general run of the human race. It is easy to say that America will not be affected by a great war in Europe, but that is not true.

The interests of this country are tied in with the interests of the rest of the world, and any catastrophe which affects other nations is bound to affect us. That is so, whether we take part in a war or not.

The United States could exist and support itself on its own resources, if all trade with the rest of the world should stop, and the rest of the world were content to leave us alone in peace.

Even a temporary cessation of American trade and intercourse with foreign nations would cause widespread distress. The ones who would

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NEW MOVIE HOUSE NEARS COMPLETION

Magnificent Theatre Expected to Be Open to the Public by First of Month

Work is going forward rapidly on the interior finishing of the Appalachian Theatre and the owners, Messrs. Hamby and Winkler, believe that it will be possible to open the handsome structure to the public shortly after the first of November.

The auditorium and upstairs offices are practically completed, the heating system has been installed, and the largest unfinished job is the placing of the colored glass surface on the front of the structure. This work, however, is expected to start by the end of the week and next week it is thought that a definite opening date may be announced.

The building is without doubt the finest theatre to be found in this region, and its owners are being congratulated upon their enterprise.

FUNERAL RITES FOR DR. BINGHAM HELD SATURDAY

Well Known Physician Succumbs to Long Illness; Funeral Conducted From Henson's Chapel; Rev. J. W. Parker in Charge of Services

Dr. G. D. Bingham, one of Watauga county's most popular practicing physicians, died at the home near Sugar Grove last Friday after a long illness. He was 66 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church Saturday. Rev. J. W. Parker being in charge of the rites, and burial followed in the neighborhood cemetery. A large crowd gathered to pay their respects at the bier of the popular citizen.

Survivors include the widow, one son, Paul Bingham, and a daughter, Mrs. Alice Parker.

Dr. Bingham was the son of William and Mrs. Bingham and had lived in the Sugar Grove neighborhood for the greater part of his life where he was engaged in the practice of medicine for more than thirty years. During the early days of his practice, when roads through this region were little more than muddy trails, Dr. Bingham supplied medical attention to the people of a large area, and his practice had continued to grow through the succeeding years, until ill health forced his retirement. He was a fine citizen, great-hearted practitioner and friend to all his people. In his death the county has suffered a great loss.

MITES ARE HELD MRS. G. W. KLUTZ

The Former Miss Blanche Smith of Boone Succumbs to Long Illness Saturday

Funeral services were conducted in Lenoir Sunday afternoon for Mrs. G. W. Klutz, who will be remembered as the former Miss Blanche Smith of Boone, an extended illness having resulted in her death Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Klutz was 32 years old.

The rites were held from Zion Reformed church, of which the deceased was a member, by Dr. Walter W. Rowe, the pastor, who was assisted by Rev. John Koonce of Maiden. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pallbearers were S. S. Jennings, P. A. Carpenter, C. D. Rabb, J. R. McNairy, Dr. Paul Hedrick, J. W. Seif and W. H. Gragg. Flower girls were members of the missionary circle of the church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to the parents, she is survived by her husband and two children, Gale and Joan of Lenoir.

Mrs. Klutz was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith of Boone, and spent the larger portion of her life in this city, where she attended Appalachian College. She was extremely popular in this community and since she established her home in Lenoir, had likewise endeared herself to the people there. She was active in religious and social affairs and was a leader in young peoples' work in her church. Her death has brought sadness to the many friends of the family in this section.

MRS. W. E. DUGGER PASSES

In her seventy-ninth year, Mrs. W. E. Dugger died on October 4. She had been in poor health for several months. Mrs. Dugger was one of the noblest characters in the Vilas community. Her pious life will be an example for others. From early life she lived a consistent Christian.

At the time of her death she was a member of Willowdale church. Surviving children are B. S. Dugger of Elk Park; John Dugger, Mrs. J. H. Brinkley and Mrs. J. M. Blair of Vilas. Her husband preceded her in death some twenty years ago.

The funeral services were held from Willowdale church on October 5, and burial took place in the family cemetery nearby. Her pastor, Rev. R. L. Painter, assisted by G. W. Trivette and A. J. Greene, conducted the services.

The pallbearers were Messrs. G. D. Brinkley, Elmer Brinkley, David Dugger, Hall Dugger, Oscar Chapel and Cleo Greer. Mrs. C. I. Billings had charge of the floral tribute.

The whole community is in grief at the passing of this good lady. All loved her for her splendid character, her kindness and her Christian life.

Nearly 9,000,000 women in France earn their own living, with about 2,000,000 of them running their own farms.

Pioneer Citizen



Richard Riley Hodges, 88 years old, and who was perhaps the oldest citizen of the city to have been born in this community, and whose recent death was the occasion for widespread sorrow.

REA BIDS WILL BE OPENED FRIDAY

Surveying of Watauga Rural Electric Lines is Progressing; First Bids Rejected

Contractor's proposals for the construction of the rural electric lines in Watauga county will be opened at the courthouse in Boone at 10 o'clock Friday, and the general public is invited to be present. All former bids were rejected by the REA authorities, who stated that the figures submitted were too high for the construction work involved.

Bidders will submit proposals on the building of 175 miles of electric transmission lines in this area, and upon the acceptance of a bid, it is thought the actual construction work will proceed without undue delay.

Preliminary surveys have been completed in Watauga, Cove Creek, Beaver Dam and Laurel Creek townships, it is stated, and preliminary staking will start early next week in Blue Ridge and Blowing Rock townships.

NYA FAIR EXHIBIT

The NYA handicraft project of Watauga gave a very attractive exhibit at the recent Watauga fair, winning many prizes. The cash value of the prizes given in the NYA department was \$125. Much improvement in skill was noted compared with the exhibit of last year.

The winners of the blue and red ribbons are as follows, the first named in each division winning the blue ribbon, and the second the red: Sweepstake, Ruth Thomas.

Piece of applique, Ruth Thomas, Ruth Presnell.

Basket, Ruth Thompson, Loy Presnell.

Candle wicking, Carrie Isaacs, Mrs. Emma Phillips.

Child's garment, Ruby Oliver, Maple Mast.

Hearth broom, Ruth Thompson, Carrie Isaacs.

Knitting, Mary Emma Phillips, Ruth Presnell.

Piece of furniture, Richard Galloway, Hurley Main.

Leather craft, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Kate Henson.

Piece of netting, Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, Elva Sheffield.

Sofa pillow, Bonnie Ward, Carrie Isaacs.

Handmade picture from twigs, Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, Elva Sheffield.

Purse, Ruth Thompson, Mrs. Emma Phillips.

Indian pottery, Cleo Shull, Hassie Harmon.

Hooked rug, Loy Presnell, Bonnie Woven rug, Ethel Hagaman, Ruth Presnell.

Crochet rug—Mary Emma Phillips, Maple Mast.

Winter bouquet—Hazel Henson, Loy Presnell.

Novelty, Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, first and second.

Stuffed animal, Ruth Thompson, Birdie Presnell.

Embroidery, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Ruth Thompson.

Waffle weaving, Maple Mast, Mrs. Clara P. Simpson.

Knitting bag, Violet Miller, Ruth Thompson.

The above exhibit was judged by Mr. Rodney Leftwitch, Mrs. Wade E. Brown, Miss Lord and Mr. Ford.

The apple tree, fourth most valuable of the trees of the world, was known in prehistoric times.

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SATURDAY

Books for Registration of New Voters Will Close on 29th; Nov. 5 Challenge Day

Registration books for the November general election will open in the various precincts of Watauga county next Saturday and will remain open through the 29th, while Saturday, November 5th, will be observed as challenge day.

Only those who have not hitherto voted in the county will be required to register. Those having established their residence here since the last general election together with those who have reached their majority during the period are urged to get their names on the registration books.

SCHOOL BOY SLAIN BY PASSING AUTO

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bingham Receives Fatal Injuries While Playing Beside Road

David Paul Bingham, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bingham, who reside near Rutherford, received fatal injuries last Thursday morning when struck by a car driven by Mr. Russell Trivett of Deep Gap.

The Bingham child, it is said, with a group of other children, was playing by the highway near the home, awaiting the arrival of the school bus. The lad was riding on a scooter and as Mr. Trivett's car came alongside, it is understood, the boy dashed into the roadway, striking the side of the car, as the driver attempted to avoid the accident. Mr. Trivett rushed the boy to Boone for medical attention, but death resulted from the injuries within a short while. No blame is attached to Mr. Trivett on account of this accident.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Methodist church Friday; Rev. Paul Townsend being in charge, and interment was in the cemetery near Rutherford.

Surviving are the bereaved parents, one brother, Stacy, and three sisters, Mary, Eva and Helen Bingham.

John Brewer Dies In Auto Accident

John Brewer, aged 50, former resident of Watauga county, received fatal injuries last Sunday evening when struck by a truck as he alighted from a bus near Wallace, Va.

The body was returned to Watauga county and funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from Mt. Lebanon church by Reverends Troy Danner and E. C. Hodges, interment being in the Danner graveyard.

Mr. Brewer was reared in the Laurel Fork section but had resided near Wallace, Va., for the past five years.

Immediate survivors include the widow and three children. A brother, Reuben Brewer, resides at Shulls Mills, while a sister, Mrs. I. A. Bumgarner, lives at Vilas.

Doughton To Speak Here October 29th

Congressman Robert L. Doughton has announced that he will speak at the courthouse in Boone Saturday afternoon, October 29th, at 2 o'clock, when he will discuss with the voters of the county the issues of the campaign from a Democratic viewpoint. The veteran ninth district representative requests a full attendance of citizens of both parties for his discourse.

Mr. Doughton will also speak in Lenoir at 7:30 on the evening of the 28th, it is announced.

MITES FOR MRS. HATTON ARE CONDUCTED FRIDAY

Funeral services were conducted last Friday at 10 o'clock from the Reform church at Blowing Rock for Mrs. Lena Corrine Hatton, 28, who died at the Blowing Rock clinic on Thursday, following a brief illness. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hatton is survived by her husband, Charlie Hatton; three children, Marie Corrine, Charles Nelson and an infant son. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greene, also survive, as do two brothers and three sisters: Alfred, Hardin, Ellen, Lillian and Jacqueline Greene, all of Blowing Rock.

In Omaha, Neb., it is against the law to share any part of your meal with a friend in a restaurant.

Begins 25th Year



Marking the longest unbroken term in United States supreme court history, Justice James C. McReynolds completed his 24th year on the high bench October 12. The court began its new term October 3 and is now reviewing a heavy calendar of cases, including the Tennessee Valley Authority.

WATER SHORTAGE SEEMS IMMINENT

Mayor Gragg Calls Upon Citizens to Aid in Conserving Dwindling Water Supply

On account of the lack of an appreciable amount of rain for the past several weeks, Mayor W. H. Gragg states that the city is faced with a serious water shortage unless the citizens co-operate in the conservation of the supply. Therefore, the mayor is asking that the residents use water only for domestic purposes, that they refrain from washing automobiles, watering shrubbery, etc., so that there may be ample water for all household uses.

For the past several days the city has refrained from washing the streets and it is believed that with a reasonable amount of co-operation no one will be seriously inconvenienced.

Nahum Winebarger Dies at Age of 82

Nahum Winebarger, 82, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of the Meat Camp section, died suddenly Saturday evening from what was believed to have been a heart ailment.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Mount Pleasant Lutheran church, Rev. J. A. Yount being in charge of the rites and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

The survivors include the widow, two sons and one daughter: Paul Winebarger, Aberdeen, Md.; Silas Winebarger, Meat Camp; Miss Mae Winebarger, Meat Camp. Two brothers and one sister also survive: Noah Winebarger, Meat Camp; Jonas Winebarger, Piney Flats, Tenn.; and Mrs. W. F. Lockbill, Boone Route 2.

Mr. Winebarger has spent his entire life in the section in which he was born, and was one of the county's finest citizens. For more than thirty years he served as justice of the peace, and had likely been a magistrate longer than any man residing in this section. He was a leader in community thought and contributed a full share to the activities of the church as well as to other phases of county welfare. He was well known throughout this county and leaves a large number of friends.

Thos. Coffey Quits Board of Education

Thomas H. Coffey, Jr., member of the Watauga county board of education for almost ten years, has tendered his resignation, according to information given The Democrat Tuesday. At the time the paper went to press, Mr. Coffey's successor had not been named.

Mr. Coffey was named to the board in the legislative session of 1929.

Indian Minister Begins Meeting

Rev. E. E. Lockee, noted Cherokee Indian minister, of Lincoln, started a series of revival services at Willowdale Baptist church Monday evening, which will likely continue for the next ten days. Rev. Mr. Lockee is known as a preacher of unusual ability and considerable interest attaches to his visit here.

FRED ALDRIDGE IS FOUND DEAD NEAR CALIFORNIA TOWN

Death of Boone Man is Clothed in Mystery; Retired Naval Officer Son of James A. Aldridge of Foscoe; Body to Be Returned Here

Fred Aldridge, 42, retired United States naval officer, was found shot to death in his automobile in the vicinity of Torrance, California, on Wednesday of last week, and conflicting reports reaching members of his family here fail to establish whether he was a suicide or was slain by some other person. Mr. Aldridge, it is said, was en route to Boone to visit with his family. A brother, Mr. Kelsey Aldridge, of Kingsport, Tenn., left Boone Monday for California and will return here with the body, the funeral to be conducted in the home neighborhood at Foscoe. Full details of the death will likely not be known until the return of the relative.

Immediate survivors include the widow, the former Miss Louise Hodges of Boone, and two children, Pat and Joe.

Mr. Aldridge was a son of James A. and Mrs. Aldridge of Foscoe, and had retired from the United States navy about a year ago, after having served over a period of almost 20 years. He was chief ship-fitter, carrying an officer's rating, and more recently had been living at San Pedro, California. He was well-known throughout this section and had a large number of friends who looked forward to his infrequent visits to his relatives here. Details of the funeral and such information as is learned concerning his death will be carried in the paper next week.

John Hickerson Dies On Sunday

John L. Hickerson, aged 48, well-known colored building contractor of this city, died at a Charlotte hospital Sunday from a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the local schoolhouse for the colored. Rev. Rock Hatton being in charge of the rites and burial was in the city cemetery. Surviving is the widow, the former Sallie Shearer.

Hickerson, who is a native of Yadkin county, had resided in Boone for the past 17 years, where he had the highest respect of the white population. He and his crew of workmen had erected the walls of almost all the newer brick structures of the town, and at the time of his death he was engaged in the building of the new dormitory at Appalachian College.

Widened Street Is Opened To Traffic

The widened street between the Standard Service station and the old courthouse was opened to traffic Monday, and the 100-foot thoroughfare is greatly relieving the parking situation in this area. The work of pouring the new sidewalk on the north side of the street will be started within the next few days, it is said.

At the same time, work is expected to begin during the week on the widening of the street east from the W. W. Mac Company's store through the property of Mrs. J. W. Jones and that of the Daniel Boone hotel. Understanding is that an agreement has been effected with the hotel company which will allow work to begin.

Local Dentist Is Honored By Society

A signal honor was accorded Dr. Wm. M. Matheson, prominent dentist of Boone, when he was elected secretary and treasurer of the First District Dental Society at the meeting held in Rutherfordton Monday. Dr. Matheson succeeds Dr. Walter R. Clark of Asheville. Other officers elected to serve during the incoming year were Dr. Walter R. Clark, president, and Dr. Kennit Chapman of Sylva, vice president.

Since becoming a member of the society a few years ago, Dr. Matheson has served on the program committee and on the board of directors.

TO ADDRESS MEETING OF TOWNSEND GROUP

Rev. John Neomias of Skyland, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Townsend Club at the courthouse Friday evening at 7:30. Everybody is invited to come and the ladies are especially urged to attend. The Townsend recovery plan will be fully explained at this time.